

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (CANCELED)

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The use of hyaluronic acid according to method of claim ~~[[1]] 11~~ for manufacturing a dietetic preparation for prevention and treatment of osteoporosis, wherein the physiologically acceptable salt of hyaluronic acid is selected from the group consisting of sodium salt, potassium salt, zinc salt, magnesium salt, calcium salt, or combinations thereof.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The use of hyaluronic acid according to method of claim ~~[[1]] 11~~ wherein the preparation contains calcium salt.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The use of hyaluronic acid according to method of claim ~~[[1]] 11~~ wherein the form suitable for oral administration contains 5 mg to 300 mg of physiologically acceptable salt of hyaluronic acid per day.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The use of hyaluronic acid according to method of claim ~~[[1]] 11~~ wherein the preparation further contains at least one victual.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The use of hyaluronic acid according to method of claim 5 wherein the victual is selected from the group consisting of coconut flour, dried milk, inverted syrup, vitamin premix, de-mineralized water, ~~chewing substance~~, fruit flavor, and combinations thereof.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The use of hyaluronic acid according to method of claim ~~[[1]] 11~~ wherein the preparation is in solid form.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The use of hyaluronic acid according to method of claim ~~[[1]] 11~~ wherein the dietetic preparation is in liquid form and further contains potassium sorbate as preservative.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The use of hyaluronic acid according to method of claim 7 wherein the solid form is selected from the group consisting of tablets, bars, chewing tablets, chewing gum, hard capsules, candies, ~~[[or]]~~ and combinations thereof.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The use of hyaluronic acid according to method of claim ~~[[9]] 8~~ wherein the liquid form is an instant drink or syrup.

11. (NEW) A method for manufacturing a dietetic preparation for prevention and treatment of osteoporosis, the method comprising

formulating at least one physiologically acceptable salt of hyaluronic acid having molecular weight from 500,000 to 4,000,000 g/mol into a composition suitable for oral administration, and using the composition in a dietetic preparation for prevention and treatment of osteoporosis.